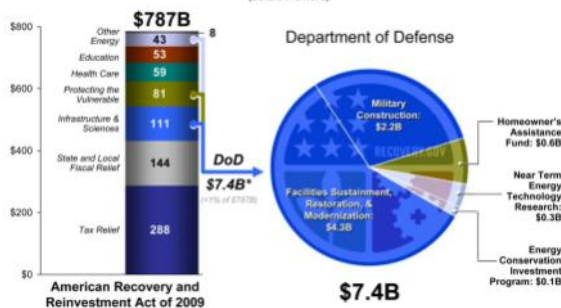


Defense advocate

Nearly \$360 Million in Stimulus to Va. Installations

Defense Is Moving Swiftly on Recovery Act

(Dollars in Billions)



*\$7.4B includes appropriations from 3 categories: Energy, Infrastructure & Sciences, and Protecting the Vulnerable.
Source: Recovery.gov, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The \$358 million being invested in the Commonwealth is part of \$7.4 billion allocated to the Department of Defense through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act. DoD graphic.

The federal government will invest nearly \$360 million in Virginia's military installations through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

\$330 million was announced in March for dozens of projects designed to repair aging infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, improve our nation's military capability, and create jobs for Virginians. These improvements to installations include upgrades to hospitals, child development centers, and housing for troops and their families.

Most of these funds will be used for restoration and sustainability projects, which will receive \$245.5 million, and the rest will go to "shovel-ready" military construction projects.

In late April another \$28 million was identified for 34 projects in the Commonwealth to repair Army facilities at Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Eustis, Fort Lee, Fort Belvoir and Fort Myer.

Some examples of the projects that will be funded by the package:

- \$55.1 million to modernize and repair medical facilities at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center and Langley Air Force Base.
- \$43.6 million for runway repairs at Naval Air Station Norfolk and pier complex work to renovate aging infrastructure.
- \$24.2 million for Fort Eustis and Fort Belvoir child care centers.
- \$50.7 million for efficient photovoltaic cells in Hampton Roads facilities.
- \$24 million to replace the old steam-pipe heating network at Naval Station Norfolk with a new, energy-efficient system.

A full list of projects is available from the Department of Defense at <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/>.

New Navy Secretary

Ray Mabus, former Mississippi governor and ambassador to Saudi Arabia, was sworn in on May 19 as the 75th Secretary of the Navy. Leading the Navy and Marine Corps, Secretary Mabus will be responsible for almost 900,000 people and an annual budget in excess of \$150 billion.

Secretary Mabus is a native of Ackerman, Miss., and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi, a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, and a law degree from Harvard Law.



Ray Mabus. US Navy photo.

Coming Events

June 16, 2009

Oceana-Fentress Advisory Council

NAS Oceana, Va.

Contact: Wendy Hoffman, Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, (804) 225-3826

June 18, 2009

Radford Army Ammunition Plant

Restoration Board

Radford, Va.

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June 25, 2009

Fort Monroe FADA Meeting

Fort Monroe, Va.

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July 15, 2009

VNDIA Quarterly Meeting

Virginia State University, Ettrick, Va.

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July 16, 2009

Fort Monroe FADA Meeting

Fort Monroe, Va.

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July 22, 2009

Virginia Military Advisory Council

Langley AFB, Va.

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Rear Adm. Alan B. "Brad" Hicks, Commander, Navy Air and Missile Defense Command, stands with Adm. Robert F. Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Vice Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, during a ceremony at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren to establish the Navy Air and Missile Defense Command. *US Navy photo.*

New Command at Dahlgren

The Navy's new Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC) was established on April 30 in a ceremony at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren. The newest tenant at the King George County installation, NAMDC will support the fleet by detecting, intercepting and destroying ballistic missiles, and will eventually encompass the Navy's entire integrated air and missile defense.

Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander of the Pacific Fleet, was guest speaker at the ceremony. Referring to Dahlgren he said "It's fitting that a site once known as U.S. Navy Proving Grounds has been selected for this center of excellence in air and missile defense." Willard added that the command will address new threats on the world stage, such as the recent missile test by North Korea.

The NAMDC will employ 75 military and civilian employees combined, with an annual payroll of about \$10 million.

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Air Force officials announced on May 15 that Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, is the preferred alternative for the permanent location of 24th Air Force, a new numbered Air Force headquarters focused on the cyber mission.

Installations and communities nationwide were competing for the new "cyber command" headquarters since it was first announced last year. In January 2009 the Air Force announced six finalists, including Hampton's Langley AFB.

AF Cyber Comm Decision



This historic first launch from the USS Bush. *US Navy photo.*

USS George W. Bush

On May 19 an F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.'s Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23 became the first aircraft to be catapulted from the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77).

A week later, former President Bush, the aircraft carrier's namesake, was on hand to watch flight deck operations, fulfilling a wish he made in 2006 at the ship's christening.

Ported at Naval Station Norfolk, the George H.W. Bush is the tenth and final Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. The 1,100 foot-long ship is powered by two nuclear reactors that can operate for 20 years without refueling. About 6,000 sailors and aviators and 80 aircraft will serve on the ship when fully manned.